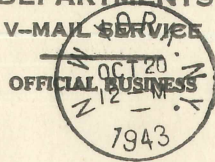


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Hello folks

Now that my "vacation" is over and I'm once more back home and in the swing of things - maybe my correspondence will again fall back into a more or less normal sequence, if such a thing ever existed!

A couple of hours ago it started raining as if to make up for all these dry months. We all ran out, rolled down our flaps on our tents, loosened ropes, and grabbed a hatchet to drive the tent stakes in farther! - A little different from running around shutting windows, but accomplishing the same ^{purpose}! You would be surprised how dry and comfortable a tent can be (when there's nothing else!). From the seepage around the edges, I can see I'll have to dig our drainage ditches a mile deeper to accomodate these sudden deluges! Guess now I'll be "itching" about the mud instead of the dust!

I wrote a regular letter a couple of days ago, and if it goes as usual (according to your letters) it will probably beat this V-mail by a week or so.

Haven't been on any missions since coming back. It's just as well for it has given the cold I picked up in rest camp time to get well. - Guess I'm nothing else much to complain about so might as well shut up and send this here now epistle!

V---MAIL

Love from Frank

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